

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, and 7-10 are now present in this application.

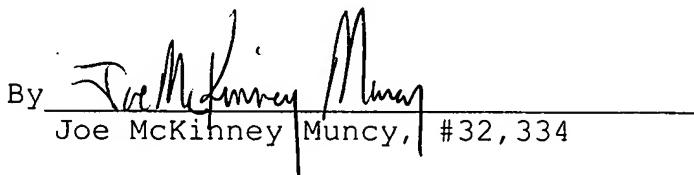
The abstract, specification, and claims 1, 7 and 8 have been amended, and claims 1, 2 and 6 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and claims 9 and 10 have been presented. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Abstract of the Disclosure